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1. Dr. Srecko Silovich, recently appointed Yugoslav Ambassador to Brazil, is a 58 year old Croat and a Roman Catholic. He was graduated from the medical faculty of the University of Zagreb and later studied in Vienna. He is a gynecologist with a good reputation. Silovich practiced in Zagreb and was for the last few years the chief of the gynecological section of the "Merkur" sanatorium in Zagreb. In 1942, because it was learned that he was to be arrested by anti-Communist forces, he went into hiding in the woods around Zagreb. After the formation of the Tito government, he became Under-Secretary in the Ministry of Social Welfare of the Croatian Government.

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2. Before World War II Silovich was a member of the Communist Party in Croatia. He has always been an ideological, and never an active, Communist. He is regarded as a moderate Communist because he is opposed to violent tactics. He is, however, dissatisfied with the present government in Croatia and therefore asked to be relieved of his duties in the Ministry of Social Welfare, stating as his reason his "inability to sustain the effort necessary to exercise a public duty at his age." He was relieved, but at the same time appointed to the post in Brazil.

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